

The Weekly Westerner

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Grey Eagle Hotel, 3777 Grey Eagle Drive (Corner of 37 St SW and Glenmore Drive)
Mondays 12:10 pm - 1:30 pm

President: Bill Fitzsimmons **President-Elect:** Marlene Doherty **Past President:** Gerry Meek

Secretary: Gail Williams **Treasurer:** Don Edie

Directors: Judy Cochran, Gord Cox, Darren Grierson, Barb Hames,
Ken Montgomery, Drew Turnbull

Together We Are People of Action - Building Community

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Meeting called to order at 12:05, by **Past President Gerry Meek** who was standing in for **President Bill Fitzsimmons** who was managing the pickup for Winter Comfort Packages.

David Wartman – Inspirational Moment

A REFLECTION ON ROTARY AND RECONCILIATION

In June of 2015, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission released its final report stating that: “A reconciliation framework is one in which Canada’s political and legal systems, education and religious institutions, corporate sector, and civil society function in ways that are consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which Canada has endorsed.” The Commission identified 10 guiding principles of truth and reconciliation that will assist Canadians in moving forward.

Some of the principles are foundational to the Framework, for example:

1. That the U N Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is the framework for reconciliation in Canada.
2. That we must recognize and respect that First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples, as the original peoples of this country and as self-determining peoples have Treaty, constitutional, and human rights.

Others describe the process and outcomes of Reconciliation.

3. That Reconciliation is a process of healing relationships that requires public truth sharing, apology, and commemoration that acknowledge and redress past harms, and that it
4. Requires constructive action on addressing the ongoing legacies of colonialism that have had destructive impacts on the entire lives of Aboriginal peoples, and ultimately
5. That Reconciliation must create a more equitable and inclusive society. The final set of principles speak to our mutual responsibilities in achieving Reconciliation.
6. That all Canadians, as Treaty peoples, share responsibility for establishing and maintaining mutually respectful relationships.
7. The perspectives and understandings of Aboriginal Elders and Traditional Knowledge Keepers of the ethics, concepts, and practices of reconciliation are vital to long-term reconciliation.
8. Supporting Aboriginal peoples' cultural revitalization and integrating Indigenous knowledge systems into the reconciliation process are essential.
9. Reconciliation requires political will, joint leadership, trust building, accountability and transparency, as well as a substantial investment of resources.
10. Reconciliation requires sustained public education and dialogue about the history and legacy of residential schools, Treaties, and Aboriginal rights and contributions of Aboriginal peoples to Canadian Society.

Now, what does that mean for Rotary as an important civil society organization? The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and non-sectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships. This ethical guide asks Rotarians to consider these four principles in all things that we think, say, or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

When we look at the Four-Way Test in light of the Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the questions that as Rotarians we should each ask ourselves, are:

First, given the ethical guide provided by our Four-Way Test, do we as Rotarians have a special responsibility to accept and live by the 10 principles and in so doing, to provide

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leadership to our fellow Canadians?; and second, what does living by these principles suggest that we should be doing in our communities, in our clubs, in our businesses and in our personal lives to further the process of reconciliation?

Marie Rickard – Interact Fundraiser

The Interact Clubs at Western Canada and Sir Winston Churchill high schools in Calgary have been collaborating on a fundraising event!!

If you donate more than \$7 to Polio and COVID-19, you will receive a beautifully designed pin. The money raised will go specifically to Rotary International's End Polio Now campaign and the Calgary Foothills Medical Center.

If you are interested, order the pins through Marie Rickard.

From the Interact Clubs: "Please support us — it's for a wonderful cause!"

"The pin that we have created is a symbol of our unity and hope in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Polio disease. Flowers tend to represent spring, which reflects our hope of new beginnings as the world comes together in an effort to end the global crisis. Each flower held by the hands is a contribution to the coming of spring and new hope out of the long winter that was created by the pandemic. The flowers vary in colours and sizes, representing both the small and large services that have been made towards the cause; each is a valuable part of the bouquet and symbolizes how every contribution to this pandemic takes us one step closer to ending it. We are high school students, limited in the scope of what we can contribute, but the pin reflects our desire to come together and serve a cause much greater than ourselves. As we are two different clubs coming together, the two hands represent us respectively on the pin, while the golden Rotary emblem at the bottom symbolizes how this union is only made possible with the foundation of support we receive from the Rotary club today.

Let's all *INTERACT* for health!"

Marlene Doherty

Strategic Plan - 48 members completed the strategic plan survey and the details will be presented to the club – check your e-mail for an invite.

Check out DG Mary's video – it features Calgary West! <https://rotary5360.ca/>

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ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS – Annual general Meeting

In accordance with our bylaws four weeks ago, prior to our AGM – a description of the positions to be filled and the process was explained to the membership.

A call for nominations from the floor was requested at three subsequent meetings immediately preceding the annual general meeting

An additional appeal to the floor for further nominations resulted in no new nominations.

The nominating committee has reviewed all nominations and recommends the following slate of officers and directors for membership approval.

Motion 1: Marlene Doherty moves that **Orlin McMillan** be elected President Elect Nominee – (President 2023-2024)

Seconded by **Bill Quinney**

Vote unanimously approved

Motion 2: Marlene Doherty moves that **Terry Felton** and **Les Morgan** be elected to serve as directors for 2021-2023.

Seconded by **David Wartman**

Vote unanimously approved

The following members complete their terms as officers and directors of the Rotary Club of Calgary West for 2021-2022.

Gail Williams - Secretary

Don Edie – Treasurer

Judy Cochran

Barbie Hames

Gord Cox

Drew Turnbull

Bill Fitzsimmons – Past President

Linda Anderson- President Elect

Marlene Doherty-President

On behalf of the club I would like to thank those members who will be completing their service to the board and the club. We are grateful and thankful for your commitment and leadership:

Darren Grierson, Ken Montgomery and Gerry Meek.

My sincere thank you to the Calgary West Nominating Committee for their thoughtful due diligence: Linda Anderson, **Garfield Ganong, Sa'adat Keshavjee, Steve Strang and Steve Rickard.**

Gail Williams presented the following Paul Harris Pins to our supporters of the Rotary Foundation:

Don Edie	Paul Harris
Debbie McMillan	Paul Harris +1
Bill Fitzsimmons	Paul Harris +2
Joe Klassen	Paul Harris +4
David Watson	Paul Harris +5
David Wartman	Paul Harris +5
Bill Lawless	Paul Harris +6
Garfield Ganong	Paul Harris +7
Bryden Horwood	Paul Harris +8

Cory Tretiak – Speaker Introduction

As CEO of Calgary Co-op **Ken Keelor** brings passion and enthusiasm to his strategic oversight of one of the largest retail cooperatives in North America, providing Calgary Co-op's 440,000 member-owners with exceptional shopping experiences, products, and services. Since being appointed CEO of the Calgary based Co-operative in 2014, Ken has led the development of a new 10-year strategic plan, and overseen the refreshment of pharmacies, investment in store redevelopments, construction of new gas stations, acquisition of liquor stores, the launch of Co-op Cannabis, and the recent acquisition of Community Natural Foods. Ken brings a wealth of Canadian and international food retailing expertise to his current role including executive roles at Sobey's and Rexall. Ken holds a BSc (Physics) and an MBA (Marketing). He is on the Board of the Dean's Advisory for the SAIT School of Hospitality and Tourism. When he is not in the office (or in a store engaging members and energizing team members), you might find Ken in Fish Creek Park or pursuing his interests of kickboxing, spinning and bridge. His favourite local food item? Paradise Hill tomatoes.

Ken provided the club with an extensive presentation that was well received by the membership. Ken encouraged anyone who was interested to reach out to him, as either a member of Rotary or a member of Calgary Co-op, he'd love to hear from you:

Gerry Meek thanked Ken for his presentation, and shared that Calgary Co-op was at one point, the only organization in Calgary that would accept him as a member. A story about his questionable golf skills was also relayed.

Dan Doherty – The Huron Carole

Join us on December 18th at 7pm for a special presentation of the Huron Carole by the legendary **Tom Jackson**.

Rotary Club of Calgary West members will be meeting prior to the event for some holiday cheer.

View the video invitation here : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OruNaanxnt4>

Cost is \$20/household, tickets available at <http://rotarywestfundraising.ca/product-category/donations/>

More information to follow by e-mail.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30.

Coming Events

December: Disease Treatment and Prevention Month	
7	Earl Thiessen , Executive Director of Oxford House (addictions recovery centre)
14	ISC Presentation of Grants and Projects Vote.
18	Tom Jackson's Huron Carole
21	President Jennifer Jones Rotary International – FIRST Female President - Rotary International
28	No Meeting – Christmas and New Year Holiday